

## BOOK NOTICES

## Timber Press

JAMES CULLEN (text) with photographs by DEBBIE WHITE and FRIEDA CHRISTIE. 2005. **Hardy Rhododendron Species: A guide to Identification.** (ISBN 0-88192-723-6, hbk.). Published in association with the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh and Timber Press Inc. 133 S.W. Second Ave, Suite 450, Portland, OR 97204-3527, U.S.A. (Orders: [www.timberpress.com](http://www.timberpress.com), [mail@timberpress.com](mailto:mail@timberpress.com), 503-227-2878, 1-800-327-5680, 503-227-3070 fax). \$49.95, 496 pp., color photos, 7" × 9".

*Publisher's comments.*—"For the enthusiastic amateur or experienced rhododendron grower, this landmark reference provides the keys to the accurate identification of the nearly 300 rhododendron species widely in cultivation. An extensive introduction places the work in context as it examines the history of *Rhododendron* classification and gives a full survey of plant structures throughout the many species. Species are listed in systematic order, so that similar species occur close to each other in the text. These are fully described, including complete citations of previous references and notes on the occurrence of wild-origin specimens in cultivation. Beautiful photographs include close-up shots of flower and leaf, microscope images of leaf surfaces, and easy-to-use diagnostic keys, making this the indisputable volume for plant identification. A milestone in the identification of rhododendrons, this will become an essential reference for botanists, nurserymen, and enthusiasts.

Each taxonomic entry includes a description of one or more of the following: Synonymy, Illustration, Habit, Leaves, Vegetative Buds, Inflorescence Buds, Calyx, Corolla, Nectary, Stamens, Pollen, Ovary, Style, Stigma, Fruit, Seeds, Distribution, Flowering, Hardiness Zone, and additional notes.

Taxonomic keys are provided for subgenera, sections, and subsections.

PIET OUDOLF and NOEL KINGSBURY. 2005. **Timber Press Pocket Guide to Bulbs.** (ISBN 0-88192-740-6, hbk.). Timber Press Inc. 133 S.W. Second Ave, Suite 450, Portland, OR 97204-3527, U.S.A. (Orders: [www.timberpress.com](http://www.timberpress.com), [mail@timberpress.com](mailto:mail@timberpress.com), 503-227-2878, 1-800-327-5680, 503-227-3070 fax). \$34.95, 175 pp., color photos, 9 1/2" × 11 1/2".

*Publisher comments.*—"This is a must-have book for designers, urban planners, landscape architects, and avid gardeners. The authors offer a planting philosophy as well as concrete advice; for instance, questions of scale and movement such as positioning entrances and paths, creating connective layouts, using plants as barriers and as conduits, and maintaining the designed space as plants grow."